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Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
August 4th, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord* 2024

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History, looking at historic debates over the nature of God.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Praise God from Whom all Blessings"* (#554)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"My Redeemer"* (#296).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Matt. 13:1-9; 18-23.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Nothing but the Blood"* (#264).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Redeemed"* (#265).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"REDEMPTION'S LEXICON: RECONCILIATION."*

Closing Hymn:* *"I'll Live for Him"* (#297; vv. 1-3).

Benediction.*



Week of July 28 – Aug. 3

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—11;

Midweek—8; Offering—\$1,331.²⁵;

Video: "On God"—62 views; "On Man & Sin"—74 views

Audio, Internet Archive: "Man & Sin"—13; "Matter of Grace"—14

MIDWEEK SERVICE: WED., 6:30 PM

AFRICA UPDATE

Pastor Keith Merriman (7/25/24)



Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a joy to see many of you at national conference.

Pastor Salomon and Mary have moved into their new home and are so thankful again to all who gave to make it possible. They are currently having problems with their water and ask that we pray that the technicians who are helping can locate the source of the problem and repair it.

Also they are still in need of some items for their home. If you would like to contribute please let me know.



Pastor Salomon shared that they have added 5 new families (17 people) to the Mfomakap church this past month. They are rejoicing for the new growth in their church.

Pastor Aaron at the Jimeta GBC in Nigeria recently baptized 7 new converts. Please pray for these saints to mature and have ministries at their church. *Pictures attached*

Thanks to all who give and pray,
God bless, Keith

Support should be sent to:
**CGBCI Foreign Missions,
c/o Pastor Tom Johnson
222 Marker Drive, Somerset,
PA, 15501**





On Sunday, Aug. 11, we will be holding our annual Church Picnic directly after services. Please bring a covered dish or dessert, if able.

The Blessing of RECONCILIATION

Pastor Terry Reese, Valley GBC; 8/2/24

I. PROBLEM: NATURAL MAN IS AT ENMITY WITH GOD

(Isa. 59:1–2; Col. 1:21, 22; James 4:4; Rom. 5:10, 8:7). This *enmity* may be defined as a deep-rooted, deep-seated hatred and hostility towards God. Fallen Natural Man is not “neutral” in his native inclinations and basic spiritual orientation; rather, he has an innate and ingrained animosity towards God! In this, fallen men resemble their spiritual father (John 8:44), who is *Satan* (Gk. *Satanas* refers to the “Adversary”). As a result of this adversarial relationship, the wrath of God abides upon sinners (Rom. 5:9, Eph. 2:3).

II. SOLUTION: RECONCILIATION WITH GOD IN CHRIST

(Rom. 5:10, 2 Cor. 5:18–20, Col. 1:21–22, Eph. 2:13). If man is to be saved, his relationship with God must be altered from one of *hostility and antagonism* unto one of *concord & peace*; i.e., men must be *reconciled* unto God. Such **reconciliation** (Gk., *katalasso*) comes only through the Redemptive Work of Christ on the Cross (Rom. 5:10). Men, who have moved away from God into a state of estrangement, are graciously brought back into communion with God, who has moved manward and sovereignly initiated this reconciliation. Jesus is the *Prince of Peace* (Isa. 9:6, Luke 2:13–14) who brings us both peace with God and peace with men (Eph. 2:13–16, Isa. 2:4, Gal. 3:28).



The latest issue of *The Voice* (the official newsletter of the Conservative Grace Brethren Churches) can be found in the vestibule, with the inaugural message from the new President, Peter Peer.



NEW ARRIVALS from the Church Library include Chuck



Colson's ***Kingdoms in Conflict*** and R.C. Sproul's great masterpiece on sovereign Divine election, ***Chosen by God***.